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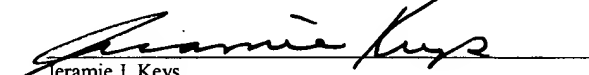
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 12, 2003 which set forth a 3 month shortened statutory period for response. In this Office Action, the Examiner has set forth a restriction requirement that establishes claims 1-20 as group I and claims 21-46 as group II.

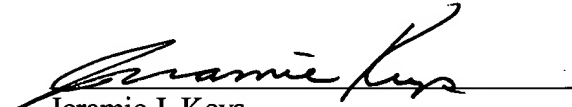
Applicants hereby traverse the restriction. For example, the statement that group II claims do not require the search for group I claims ignores that dependent claims of group II do introduce application of a desired fuzziness level as noted for group I, and that dependent claims of group I do introduce application of hash values as noted for group II. Thus, Applicants assert that searches for each of the groups of claims are not necessarily mutually exclusive such that performing a search covering all claims is not overly burdensome. However, to advance prosecution in this case, Applicants hereby elect claims 1-20 of group I.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned.

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